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WATCH AND PRAY

Look, I am coming soon!

ALL MORNING SERVICES IN FAMILY LIFE CENTER!

On Sunday, November 26th, all morning services will be held in the Family Life Center so that sanctuary Advent decorating can begin. Note that you are invited to help with Advent decorating on the 26th at 8:30am! Come and join us make our worship area beautiful for the holiday season!



Sunday, November 26 at 8:30 AM. We will be decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season and will need enough people to help decorate trees, fluff & hang garland and wreaths! This takes a lot of man hours and all help is appreciated!!

Friday, December 1st at 6PM! We will be decorating the FLC for the Christmas season and will need enough people to set up 12-14 trees, pipe and drape, banners on the drape, and place bows on the chairs. This takes approximately 80 man hours and all help is appreciated!!



Church Nursery

We love your little ones! Children are welcome in worship! If your little one needs to burn off some energy, the Nursery is available at all of our Sunday worship services, except 6pm. (If you would like childcare during our Sunday 6pm worship, please contact Ruth Fisher at 480-235-1473.)

Christmas Memorial Service

Sunday, December 17 we will host our Christmas Memorial Service. This service gives you the opportunity to remember your loved ones who are with Jesus this Christmas season. The service is designed to be quiet and reflective. Plan now to join us for the familiar Christmas hymns and scriptures. There is a special time included in this worship service for individuals to remember their loved ones. Contact Jan at JReynolds@trinitylcs.org

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAISE CHOIR

You are invited to sing in the Praise Choir on Christmas Eve at both the 7:00pm & 8:30pm services with the Praise band and the Handbell Choir. Attend at least two of the rehearsals held at 8:30am on Nov 18, 25, and Dec 2, 9 and you are required to attend at least one of the combined rehearsals of all the groups at 8:00am on Dec 16 & 23. Contact Juliann between services or at the church office to let her know you are interested!



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church!
We are glad that you are worshiping with us this morning. If you are visiting with us, we consider you an honored guest and pray that you enjoy your worship experience. If we can help in any way, please see an elder or usher for assistance.

Lutheran Sacrifice

During the years when the Lutheran Confessions (that is, the Book of Concord) Were written and defended, faithful men and women of God, both laypeople and clergy, sacrificed all they had -- in some cases their very lives -- to defend and extend the truths of God's Holy Word as confessed by the Lutheran Church. men died in battle fighting to defend the right to teach Lutheran precepts in classrooms and preach the Lutheran faith in pulpits. They died defending their cities and towns -- and most important, their convictions -- from armies of political and church leaders trying to stamp out Lutheranism forever. *Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p10. [slightly adapted]*

Historic, Genuine Lutheranism

Historic, genuine Lutheranism holds that the Bible is actually the Word of the Living God. We believe that it is both incapable of error and free from error. We hold strongly to the Lutheran Confessions (that is, the Book of Concord) because we are absolutely convinced that these confessions of faith are a pure exposition and explanation of God's Word. Lutherans agree with the Apostle Peter, who said, "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). *Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p.10 [slightly adapted]*

Are you getting emails from Pastor?

If you are not getting our weekly email each week now, then we do not have a good email address for you. **Please send your email to Pastor & he will get you on the list: DBolte@TrinityLCS.org**

Sunday Morning – 8:45 Bible Study

The Book of Acts is being studied with Ed Rupprecht as the leader in the Founders Hall across from the Sanctuary. Coffee, donuts & Christian community abundantly offered. All are welcome.

Vicarage Begins!

15 vicars were commissioned last weekend in Yambio, South Sudan! (The vicars are the ones with the colorful wreaths). These are the men who have been studying in the seminary for 2 years. They will now return to their home communities to serve in ministry for a year under the supervision of pastor, then they will return for a final year of school. Please pray for them and their work as we rejoice in this great day for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Sudan/Sudan!!

There are many ways to support Trinity Lutheran Church. Take a look!

Electronic Giving: Visit our Website at: Trinitylcs.org and click on the "Giving" tab. There are step by step instructions to help you set up your account.

Bill Pay: This is an automatic online Bill Payment Transaction through your Banking Institution to Trinity Lutheran Church. This is a free service through your bank and it alleviates the hassle of writing checks or buying stamps.

Traditional Offering Envelopes: Offering envelopes are available through the church office as a confidential, secure way to give that allows us to keep a record of your giving for personal and tax purposes. *Remember to use black or blue ink to write your checks. Red, pinks and purple inks are undetectable by our check reader.*

Trinity is hard at work to ensure your generous gifts to share the Gospel are processed accurately and as quickly as possible. If you need assistance, please call our Business Manager, Amy Thursam at 623-935-4665 ext. 215.

2023 Year End Giving

We here at Trinity are so thankful for all of your generous support throughout the year. We recognize that some of you may want to offer additional gifts for the 2023 tax year. If you are considering an end of year gift/tithe you will need to do so before December 26th. This will ensure your gift is captured in 2023. Anything after December 26th will be captured in 2024. *This is due to the holidays and our shared branch banking agreement.*

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

Amos will meet on Wednesday, November 22 in Founders Hall from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

ALL seniors are welcome for great Christian fellowship, Bible Study and games. Bring your own sack lunch. AMOS meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. *We look forward to seeing YOU (senior) at our coming time of fellowship.*



The Angel Trees are coming BACK!

The Angel Trees will be going up in the narthex outside the sanctuary & FLC Thanksgiving weekend. There are 2 ways that you can help serve those in our community who are in need at Christmas.



• The little envelopes can be used for cash, checks or gift cards. They can be returned to the box set by each Angel Tree. The most requested gift cards are for Target, Walmart, Frys and Gas cards. Cards in increments of \$25.00 or \$50.00 are the most needed. Cash and checks will be used by Angel Tree to shop for individuals who's gift tags are either not returned or not picked or last minute requests. Please make checks out to LWML and put Angel Tree in the memo section.

• The gift tags will have information for an individual you can shop for, their age and their present wish. Please return the gift UNWRAPPED (gift bags are OK) with the tag securely fastened to the gift.

All gifts need to be returned no later than 12/11 & monetary contributions please by 12/17. This will give the Angel Tree team members time to sort, shop, & return to Ruth in time for Christmas!

Questions? Contact Deaconess Ruth Fisher
RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

**Share with the Lord's people who are in need.
Practice hospitality. Romans 12:13**

Angel Tree thanks you for supporting our mission to "Serve those in our community who are in need at Christmas."

Let's Go!

Our November/December Let's Go International Dinner will be at **Wong Restaurant** in Phoenix. **Wong** is rated by many as the best Chinese cuisine in the West Valley! We will meet at our usual time, 6:30. **Wong** is located at 10540 W Indian School Rd, Phoenix. **Please make reservations by Dec. 6. Call Wilma Rupprecht: 630 888 4233** We thank our gracious and awesome God for the continued blessings which are showered on us in amazing abundance!

Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus, we believe you are our Lord and King, the Savior of the world! We trust your Word and the promise of your sudden and imminent return. Help us to watch and pray so that we are ready when You return. Help us to live in repentance, and to stay alert in the faith. Help us to live holy lives so that our words and deeds may be lights that shine in this world, so that others may see our faith and trust in You while there is still time. We pray this in Jesus' Name, our soon returning Lord, King, and Savior, Amen!

LWML "GIVING TUESDAY"

**November 28, 2023
For District Mission Grants
Three Giving Options to Choose from**

- 1) Online at psdlwml.org (Donate tab)
- 2) Online using Vanco Mobile App
- 3) Send check payable to LWML PSD (memo Giving Tuesday)

to: Barb Virus, LWML PSD Fin. Sec'y.
542 E. Lomita Ave., Orange, CA 92867-6848



Food, Food, Food Everywhere!

The Thanksgiving Food Drive was a tremendous success again this year. We thank God for His blessings, and YOU-His people- who have responded with love. We have 100 blue bags filled with food for Agua Fria Food Bank, and 50 boxes filled for our Trinity families. If you have other items to donate, please drop them off at the church today.



WHY WORSHIP EACH WEEK

You don't "come to church" in order to do something for God. That's completely backwards. He doesn't need a thing you've got or can do; But you need Him. You need His Word. You need it more than you need food or water, light and air. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4) . . . We realize that our loving Heavenly Father assembles us together first and foremost so that He might do something for us, to impart to us a share in real life, the life that is in His Son. He assembles us to fill us with His joy and His peace and to let us bask in His amazing love. That is, He gathers us together as the Church in order to speak His Word to us; and that Word, alive with the power of the Holy Spirit, changes absolutely everything. *Thank, Praise, Serve, And Obey, W.C. Weedon, pages 12-13*

"There is no such thing as standing still in Christianity. Whether a believer marches forward or merely marks time depends much on his connection with God's Word. Regardless of how hectic our life is or how fast each day flies by, we need to find regular opportunity for serious Bible study." Hebrews, R.E. Lauersdorf, PBC, p.54

Advent Begins Sunday, December 3

soon Soon SOON all of us will again be heading to the manger during the season of Advent, but we are not making this journey alone. Trinity Lutheran Church & School has a rich archive - **7yrs worth, 24 playlists, over 600 daily devotional videos** - that offer guided help to find the gospel message in what is going on all around us, even in preparations that can get hectic at times.

Start browsing our library now to choose an Advent series so that you are ready to "click play" on Dec. 3, the first day of Advent. Please share these with your students, families, friends, and use them in your classrooms if they fit into your day!

TrinityLCS.org/category/advent-devotion-library/

Brightest Blessings as you center in on what is most important not only at this time of the year, but every day -- our Savior, born to set us free from sin and death, born the King to rule in our hearts, born the Brother to love us, born the Friend who will never leave us.



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We continue getting to know the teachers of our school who daily share the love of Jesus in words and actions. They not only provide an excellent education but are a key factor in little ones learning of Jesus. Keep them all in your prayers.

Meet Marlaina Mitchell, a Pre-K teacher

In 2000, Mrs. Mitchell came to Trinity as a parent of a preschooler. The children of the school sang in church and she and her husband were moved to grow their faith and become active members of Trinity.



Mrs. Mitchell says, "We have been so blessed to be at Trinity these many years watching our children grow in faith and to see what God's saving grace has done for my husband and I. God has opened so many doors for us here. My children have both attended preschool through 8th grade. It is an honor to teach your children about God and His infinite love for us and to be a part your child's academic and spiritual growth."

From Last Week: Paige Laney Pre-school teacher



Mrs. Paige Laney was born in Florida. As a young military child, she was blessed to be able to live all around the world and experience many different cultures. She received her teaching degree from Kennesaw State University in Georgia. Shortly after graduating from college, she met her husband, Thomas, who is active-duty AirForce. Mrs. Laney has two wonderful children, Easton and Carolina, who also attend Trinity. She feels so blessed being able to be on campus with her children! In her free time she loves to swim, read, and craft with her cricut. Mrs. Laney is grateful to be teaching at Trinity. She has always loved working with children and can't wait to see what God has in store for her family and class!

Trinity Lutheran School • We're Hiring!

TLS has an opening for a part-time middle school teacher (20 hours/week). Applicants must have a valid teaching certification and fingerprint clearance card. **Please email your resume to ARohloff@trinitylcs.org**

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

STUDY THE DOCTRINE

A sermon confesses the teachings of Christ and explains the doctrines of the Christian Church. What doctrines are being taught this week? What do you know about these doctrines? How can you take what is preached and grow in your doctrinal soundness? It is important to know the teachings of Christ and the doctrines of the Christian Church. Listen carefully, and learn those doctrines!



Meet Our Staff

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Sunday Worship on Campus 830 East Plaza Circle • Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

7:30am Traditional Worship
9:00am/10:15am Contemporary Worship
11:30am Blended Worship
6:00pm Casual Traditional Worship

Services are also posted on Facebook and TrinityLCS.org
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